

Accelerated *Varroa destructor* population growth in honey bee (*Apis mellifera*) colonies is associated with visitation from non-natal bees

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Supplementary Information:

Supplementary Table 1. Mite loads in each donor colony at the start and end of the study. These mite loads were counted from samples of 300 adult bees by alcohol wash.

| <i>Colony</i> | <i>Starting Varroa load (mites/100 bees)</i> | <i>Ending Varroa load (mites/100 bees)</i> |
|----------------------|---|---|
| Low Mite Colony 1 | 0.00 | 2.04 |
| Low Mite Colony 2 | 0.33 | 1.85 |
| High Mite Colony 1 | 4.45 | 14.69 |
| High Mite Colony 2 | 14.69 | 64.22 |